

HOUSE RESOLUTION 49

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Grassland Middle School boys' and girls' soccer teams on winning the 2023 Williamson Middle Athletic Association Championships.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Grassland Middle School (GMS) boys' and girls' soccer teams achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2022 season, each team winning the Williamson Middle Athletic Association (WMAA) Championship; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outdoor character, the GMS boys' team captured the WMAA soccer championship for the third consecutive year, defeating Page Middle School in an overtime shootout, while the GMS Lady Devils defeated Woodland Middle School five to zero in their final game, earning their respective tournament victory; and

WHEREAS, coached by Russ Keller and Alex Eichner, the boys' team includes Cole Kizer, Matthew Babcock, Owen Hurst, Henry Ruth, Aden James, Crosby Malone, Keller Leggett, Jake Landry, Peyton King, Talon Ervin, Hudson Reed, Sri Lalitesh, Connor Zone, Jack McDonough, Emiliano Ronquillo, and Owen Mead; and

WHEREAS, the girls' team is coached by Clarke Oldham, and the team members include Sophia Grigg, Reagan O'Shaughnessy, Aubry Gates, Chloe Pittman, Bella Ratcliff, Laila Dumont, Gracie Clark, Lennon Stroud, Kate Grisso, Izumi Wakatsuki, Brea Fisher, Lyla Ebert, Gabby Ratliff, Addy Weimer, Elle Newman, Mary Hinson Crunk, Addison Leach, River Pritchett, Crosby Edwards, Emily Westbrook, Molly Forrest, Bethany Louder, and Stella Godfrey; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of these groups of young people not only made possible an undefeated and championship soccer season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Grassland Middle School boys' and girls' soccer teams displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence and championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting that they should be commended for attaining their lofty goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the players and coaches of the Grassland Middle School boys' and girls' soccer teams upon winning the 2023 Williamson Middle Athletic Association Championships and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors as athletes, scholars, and citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.